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Barry suffers in grip of a snowy blanket

REPORT by TIM CHAPMAN

THE town of Barry woke to a thick blanket of snow yesterday (Wednesday) leaving many non-major streets and roads impassable to traffic.

From mid-afternoon on Tuesday, gritting lorries had been travelling along selected routes in Barry and the Vale to ensure that vehicles able to access main roads on Wednesday morning could make

Buttrills Road in Barry and Plassey Street in Penarth were both closed due to the snow. Cones were placed on College Hill in Barry to stop traffic going down it.

A council spokesman told The GEM: "The Vale experienced higher than expected levels of snowfall overnight.

'We've had 10 gritters out most of the night treating our main roads and highways. The gritters will continue to treat roads throughout Wednesday.

"Other roads in the Vale may also be currently difficult to access and the council will do its best to clear these over the course of the day."

The Vale Council made a swift decision to close

all the schools in the town, informing parents on its website. The council also has a system which informs parents by email and text message.

Coun Steffan Wiliam, who lives on Barry Island, commented: "Two of my children go to Ysgol Sant Curig and we got a text message to warn us that the school was closed, although the e-mail did not come through."

In King Square, the scene was like something from a Christmas card, as Karen Shaw, the manager of WH Smiths, explained: "Children have been building snowmen on the square.

"We managed to get into the store in good time,

and it was a slow start business-wise, but it started to pick up a little bit by 11am.
"I live on Barry Island and came in by car which was difficult – at times it was quite scary.

"The company is being gracious and has said it is our call as to when we decide to go home. The

A spokeswoman at Barry Hospital outpatients department on Colcot Road commented: "Some people have managed to get in, but there have been cancellations which in the circumstances we do understand."

Waterfront resident Emma Joyce said: "Most of



These youngsters took advantage of the closure of the schools to have fun in the snow. Photo by JOHN O'BEIRNE.

at home - about five or six inches seems to have fallen and most cars have remained in their desig-

nated parking spots.
"Traffic is moving on the main road past Morrison's supermarket, but very slowly."

Barry Leisure Centre remained open, but

Penarth Leisure centre was closed.

Public transport was also affected by the snow fall. Bus services in the town were suspended and the X45 service from Barry to Bridgend and the X45 service, which takes people into Cardiff. The X45 was running along Ffordd y Mileniwm, but not along Gladstone Road or Vere

A spokesman for Arriva Trains said: "The lines from Cardiff to Barry, and Cardiff to Penarth are running as normal but there are minor delays."

(Continued on page 8)

SCHOOL CLOSURES

MOST schools across the Vale were closed today. For a full list of the closures, go to the Vale of Glamorgan Council website at www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk which has regu

Barry campaigner for Welsh education is honoured with M

businessman, recognised for more than always been very sup-20 years of voluntary service to education in the Vale of authorities. Glamorgan, has dedicated the award New Year Honours lew Year Honours ist to his late wife. Mr Geraint Evans and Graint Evans and founded and is outstand-List to his late wife.

his wife Carys shared a ing. passion for Welsh education, and just before Christmas, Mr Evans received the news that his genes. His uncle was Gwynfor Evans, the pres-

He told The GEM: "I 36 years.

As gobsmacked by Ysgol Gyfun Bro was gobsmacked by Ysgol Gyfun Bro being nominated – it's not Morgannwg was establast May."

Evans, campaigned to set to praise others for its up a Welsh medium success. up a Welsh m school in the Vale.

in explained: "At the time we started the campaign in the late 1980s, pupils body who make my life had to go all the way into Cardiff, and prior to that What excites Mr Cardiff, and prior to that Rhondda Cynon Taff.

"There was a lot of

BARRY-BORN politicians. Fortunately, inessman, recog- the Vale Council has portive of Welsh medium education, which is not always the case with local

"Even when a site was found there were doubts, with some people saying You can't establish a production company in Cardiff. of an MBE in the with some people saying

ident of Plaid Cymru for

something you expect, lished in 2000. Although and I had no hesitation in it seems particularly apt accepting it as a tribute to that Mr Evans, chair of my wife Carys, who died the governors for the last st May." six years, is being recog-Mrs Evans had been a nised as the school heads governor of Ysgol Sant for its 10th anniversary Curig and, along with Mr this September, he is keen

chool in the Vale. "I can't pay a high Mr Evans, the former enough tribute to Dr managing director of Dan Dylan Jones and the team Barry, he has assembled.

"I also have a very supportive governing

Evans most is seeing pupils at the school "excelling academically," scepticism about the proposal, particularly from culturally, and in sports

In fact, Mr Evans' son Dewi (19) is an example of the school's success

A former head boy, he is now studying law at the London School of Economics.

Mr Evans' daughter

One of the things that most concerns Mr Evans, who is also a governor at Barry College, which has 10,000 students, is that young people in Barry and the Vale of Glamorgan are as well equipped as possible for the rigours of the outside world.

"It is very tough nowadays, and our youngsters need the best possible education and skills to prepare them for the bearpit of challenges they may face in the future Mr Evans pointed out.



ABOVE: Mr Geraint Evans MBE: "Today's youngsters need the best possible education"

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Recycling, and Vale response

REFER to your recent report concerning the Vale Council's recy cling service, and Mr Graeme Harrison's amazement that black refuse bags, and other coloured plastic bags containing obvious recyclable plastics, paper and cardboard items, have all been thrown together into the 'landfill' refuse

Like most other households, we have for years been washing cans, bottles and plastics carefully – even removing paper labels from the cans, and using the green boxes for cans and bottles, and white or clear plastic bags for Llantwit Major

plastics, paper and cardboard.

We notice this is what most people do; its very obvious what is in the bags, and this is the way we were instructed to dispose of these items.

After all this effort. we are saddened and upset by Mr Clifford Parish, the operational manager for waste disposal, saying that our recycling has probably been placed in landfill anyway.

No wonder our record for successful recycling is so poor, when in Germany it is already over 70 per

Mrs Vivien Pernas

Mixed messages on recycling...

READ with interest your story of December 17 regarding refuse collection and recycling in the Vale.

I was surprised to read Clifford Parish's suggestion that recycling items should be put in official boxes alone.
The council's website

clearly states: "Please place each type of clean material in a separate box OR a carrier bag

This contradicts Mr Parish. If the Vale Council want residents to recycle, it should be as straightforward as possible, without any mixed messages.
(Name and address supplied)

(See more letters on page 21)

'Hands off our lollipop lady!

the drivers who keep complaining about our Îollipop lady outside Ŝt Îlltyď School in Llantwit Major, that they have alternative routes, and don't have to go that way at school start or finish times.

The lady is doing what she is there for - to protect our kids, without you lot complaining

"We hope you nov your GEM"

CAROLINE

ATTYA
General Manager
& Editorial Director

CLARE GORE

General Manage

AN I remind about being held up for a few minutes!

> for your journey a little earlier, if you don't want to go the other way?
> I for one, and I know

weathers to keep the kids safe.

How many of you same? Not many, I

guess.
D.J Woodhams

THE COLUMN YOU WRITE

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'Why were the lights at roundabout re-instated?'

past four months, the journey into Bridgend along the A48 has been a delight.

The suspension of the use of the many sets of traffic lights at the Waterton roundahout has

7HILE driv-

Cardiff on

December 22, along

the A4265 road near

close call with death,

courtesy of a reckless

driver who was over-

line of moving traffic.

He managed, fortu-nately, to pull in just in

speed head-on collision

I do not want to have a roadside floral memo-

rial for Christmas, or at

road users and I have no Cardiff

anytime... This danger-

ous road bears many floral tributes to dead

T was

on the beach,

before the

disappeared!

Christmas Eve

at around 3pm

and my friend and

dogs a last blow-out

I were giving our

Christmas festivi-

Harry, Asha and Alfie, my three Weimaraners,

and Chicho, the Bracco

Italiano of Dog Borstal

fame, had been enjoying

Moments after calling him, he came limping

from around the corner of the 20ft watchtower

wall with quite an obvi-

ous injury to his leg. A

lady followed him and

ran to us to tell us that

he had fallen from the

top of the wall.

a good run when Alfie

time to avoid a high-

with me.

taking an oncoming

tions. I had a very

St Athan, in icy condi-

ing home to

unhindered from all direction throughout the

It comes as no surprise to see the reinstatement of the lights and an immediate return to congestion and far slower roundabout transit times. It does, however, beg the question, why

wish to add to that num-

Overtaking is per-

stretches of the A4265

where vision is limited

and deceptive, particu-

This road will sadly

continue to claim lives

until all of the agencies

involved take some

action to redesign it.

slow down traffic and

restrict sensibly those

stretches where one may

legitimately overtake, a

been done during recent

There was a very kind

man on the beach who

obviously wanted to assist in whatever way

He had a boxer type dog with him, but Alfie

was going into shock, and was growling at

Harry and Asha, his

I was very concerned that the presence of another strange dog on

the scene may cause fur-ther problems, so I asked

I should like to try to

get a message to this gentleman, and let him

know that Alfie is now recovering well from his broken foot, and take the opportunity to thank him

very much for his con-cern!

Kay Clarke

the gentleman to stay

mum and dad.

away

he could.

iob which could have

resurfacing work.

David Jones,

Concerned dog

owner thanked

larly at night.

mitted on long fast

Action needed to

make road safe

At the end of 2004 when the lights were

introduced, warning was given that the overall effect would be to seriously slow down traffic

Not surprisingly, this happened, leading to endless queuing around this and other traffic light controlled roundabouts in the area.

The purpose of a roundabout is to improve traffic flow at a junction. the purpose of traffic lights the exact opposite. This premise seems lost on Bridgend Council.

Predictably, safety will be trotted out as the reason for the trafficlighting of certain

roundabouts on all busy roads throughout the UK subject to the same controls?

Perhaps the authority will use your pages to provide a detailed breakdown of the incidence of accidents at Waterton (if any) over this period, and provide a comparison with similar periods in the recent past when lights were in use.

Equally, they should provide information as to the believed reason why any accident occurred, and if it would have been avoided by the presence of lights.

If enough motorists express similar views, perhaps a re-think may Bridgend roundabouts.
If safety is the criteria

take place.

CL Jones, Colwinston

Mother's Day gift was stolen

T Christmas time, we all love to give and receive presents, and even though last year someone stole the bird bath from my front garden at St Athan, I still had trust and kept decorating my garden.

However, once again this year thieves arrived and stole my ornamental frog - is nothing sacred? I would like this person to return my frog, as it has been part of my garden for 15 years and was a precious Mother's Day gift that cannot be replaced. (Name and address supplied)

Town DVD big success

AY I take this opportunity to thank The GEM for supporting the local history society by drawing attention to the DVD Cowbridge on Film this Christmas.

Many people in Cowbridge and the Vale bought it. Its sale was a wonderful success – in fact, a complete sell-out - that brought some useful additional funds to the society's coffers.

RJ Buswell (Chair, Cowbridge and District Local History

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Christmas is the most wonderful time of year

- for Tilly the terrier!

FOR a family who their take Yorkshire terrier Tilly to Animal Barry Health Centre, it was a truly happy Christmas – after her sight was saved with an ingenious operation.

operation.

Tilly's owners Sylvia and Julie Shanahan had to apply drops to her left eye each day to control the 'dry eye' condition from which she suffered.

Sylvia said: "We were having to apply drops all the time – up to eight times a day to keep the eye moist."

Julie said: "I saw a

Julie said: "I saw a

had an innovative solu-

Grant success

for project

ABOVE:

The Vale Centre for Voluntary Services committee chair presents Communities First development worker Michelle Sullivan with

their grant cheque.

CHRISTMAS came use the equipment for early for The research purposes, inter-Gibbonsdown and net access, and word pro-

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tion on what's available through Communities

First, local residents are

on Aberaeron

Vale advised to call 01446

for 732406, or drop into the

Close, Gibbonsdown.

Court Communities cessing.

Voluntary Service's centre

First Partnership,

which was recently

awarded £4,524.99

from the

Kickstart grant.

The grant will enable

Communities First staff to purchase IT equip-

ment, including six lap-tops which will be made available to community residents and local groups who currently use

access is made available

(Tuesday mornings 10.30am-12noon), and

Centre

CK START



ABOVE:

Tilly, the terrier, with (from left) clinical director, Deborah Mir, Julie Shanahan and Sylvia Shanahan.

Animal Health Centre to See what they could do to been in continual dishelf Tilly."

The centre's clinical relief when she was director, Deborah Mir, asleep."

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The operation which had an innovative solu-tion.

She explained: "Dry eye is a disease which affects the tear producing glands in the eye.

The operation which involved a delicate pro-cedure in which a sali-duct was moved from the mouth and "Affected pets cannot produce tears and the eye Deborah said: "This

programme on television dries out. Signs of the means that instead of Tsu. There has been one called Bizarre Animal disease can be dullness, tears, Tilly has saliva bizarre by-product of the

cancer Bizarre Animal disease can be duffiness, tears, finy has sain a bizarre by-product of the ER, in which unusual persistent or recurrent lubricating her eye. It operation, though.

out.

"We approached the ness.

Animal Health Centre to "Tilly would have Julie was a full time job!" smells food, she gets a

Sylvia said: "Tilly has - such as the English had a wonderful new bulldog, West Highland lease of life.

white terrier, Cavalier "S King Charles spaniel, - it's Lhasa Apso and Shih dog." "She's far more lively - it's like having a new

Police in hunt for balaclava men at Barry

POLICE are hunting for two men in balaclavas who tried to break into a house on Pencoedtre Road, Barry on New

Year's Eve. A police spokesman said the men arrived at the house in the early hours of the morning.

"The incident hap pened at around 1.10am on Thursday, December 31 when the occupiers of the address were dis-turbed by a knock at the front door.

the couple were met by two men wearing full-

face balaclavas who tried to gain entry to the property.

"However, the couple were able to close and secure the door before entry was gained and the men made off."

DS Mark Bowen of Barry CID added: "We are keen to speak to any one who may have any information about this incident. I would appeal to anyone who heard anything or saw anyone acting suspiciously in the area to contact us".

Officers are asking anyone with information "On opening the door, to contact them on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Councillors' surgery

VALE and town councillors for Castleland ward, Chris Elmore, Pamela Drake and Karl Kuhnell, will be holding their regular, monthly advice surgery this Saturday, January 9 from 10,30am-12pm at the Drop-In-Centre, No 3 Dunlin Court, Thompson Street Estate, Barry.

No appointment is necessary. If unable to attend, contact Coun Chris Elmore on 07867 506 116.

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That's the ticket!

High Street traders unveil the festive raffle winners

HIGH STREET Traders Association has announced the two lucky shoppers who have each won £100 of shopping vouchers

in a Christmas draw.

Lauren Anderson sold one of the lucky tickets to Mrs Cathy Kinston of Barry, who commented: "I am delighted to win the High Street Raffle because I shop here every week."

shop here every week."
Anthony Hopkins, the chairman of High Street
Traders, sold the other lucky ticket to Mrs H Overton
of Barry, who was "very pleased" to win in the runup to Christmas.

up to Christmas.

Anthony said: "We've had a great response to our raffle and, along with the help of Barry Council and the Vale Council, it has enabled us to put on a fabulous Christmas lights display."

Clean-up near school welcomed

PLYMOUTH Ward councillor Anthony Ernest, has welcomed action to clean pavements and a footpath near **Evenlode Primary** school.

"It is vitally important that pavements near our schools are kept clean so that the children who attend will not get their feet dirty on

their way into school. "Following comments from local parents, I contacted the Vale Council's cleansing department, and they are now taking steps to deal

with the issue," he said.

"A large number of pupils who attend the school, use a rear lane entrance to the school, and in addition to the problems of slippery mud following the recent heavy rainfall, there is also an adjacent footpath which requires attention by the grounds maintenance team," the councillor continued.
"If any resident has a

problem which I can help them with, they can always contact me on Penarth 20702111, or in writing to West House, Stanwell Road. Penarth," Coun Ernest added.



ABOVE: Anthony Hopkins with Mrs H Overton, and BELOW: Lauren Anderson with Cathy Kinston.



Lifeboat rescue

LIFEBOAT crew from Barry were called out on December 30, to help take an injured man from a tugboat to hospital.

The crewman was injured on board the tug and sustained severe finger injuries. As a result, the tugboat was met two miles off Barry at 2.30pm and the casualty was transferred to the Barry Dock Lifeboat, where further first aid assistance was given by the

The man was brought ashore and transferred to the waiting Welsh Air Ambulance before being taken to the University Hospital of Wales.



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CHILDREN WELCOME

This would have been lovely moment for my **father'** - professor's OBE award in New Year Honours list

professor Dinas whose learning inspired by father, has been awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours List.

Danny Saunders, a professor of philoso-who is professor and phy at Oxford head of the Centre for University. Lifelong Learning at Professor Saunders, the University of who is originally from

ence had been an at Bangor University.
important factor in his He followed that by

career. comple Professor Saunders MSc Eugene, who died three years ago, really valued education.

"He never went to college, although he to Wales as a lecturer the process before studid attend an evening at the Polytechnic of dents move on to more course at the Wales, which became traditional forms of University of London the University of learning such as lec-

in 1929. "He was a huge

by TIM CHAPMAN

Powys, for him.

we of "My mother Sandra was lives with us in Dinas Daywe and is thrilled his Powys and is thrilled tional groups of people

Eugene's legacy also teaching methods. extends to Danny's He said: "We set up brother, Simon, who is the educational devel-

the University of who is originally from wide variety of stu-Glamorgan, has been Chelsea in London, dents, including older honoured for services began his association students." to higher education in with Welsh further Wales.

education in 1972, the unit is to engage
He told The GEM when he took his with people who have
that his father's infludegree in psychology been out of education
means of effecting

completing a research at (56) said: "My father University, in which he examined people's behaviour in gam-

bling. In 1978, he returned Glamorgan in 1992.

As head of the cenencouragement to me, tre for lifelong learn- also worked with comand this would have ing at the university, been a lovely moment Professor Saunders'

passion has been in widening the partici-pation of non-tradiwith news of the in further education OBE."

> opment unit at the Oxford University

Glamorgan using new teaching methods for a

One of the aims of future. for a long time. Professor Saunders

research explained that some Exeter older students need special support in terms of developing their confidence, and that projects and that projects and workshops can help in dents move on to more traditional forms of their 50s and carry a learning such as lees new career – possibly

> The university has prehensive schools, to build up the aspira-



Professor Danny Saunders.

tions of youngsters who may not have not have thought of themselves as the natural undergraduates

Although many peomeans of effecting career change. Professor Saunders stressed there is something even more fundamental in taking

that step:
"I have a belief in life long learning. There are some people who study as late as in self-employment into their 60s or 70s, but learning affects the whole quality of a person's life."

Eunice Jones of Llandow

- a gifted and gracious lady of many talents

EUNICE JONES, lately of Llandow, who died at the age of 84 shortly before Christmas, devoted her life to creative causes that benefited those people who lived around her. not least disadvantaged children, in her role as Wales regional organiser for Action Research for the Crippled Child, now condensed to the shorter title Action Research.

She threw herself into the job with imagi-native zeal, setting up some 30-40 fund-raising committees across the nation

In so doing, the Wales region became one of the most dynamic in the whole of the

She did it by recruiting volunteers, mostly drawn from the mining industry, through contacts with the wives of managers, production managers, directors and colliery lodge officers.

They were swept along by her enthusiasm to get involved in projects designed to

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help the disadvantaged

young.
For Eunice Jones, it became a mission that grew into a campaign, endorsed by influential people in the health industry after her appointment as princi-pal organiser for Wales.

Born in Cardiff in 1925 to an electrical engineer, Charles Piper, a New Zealander and his wife Cissie Funice became intensely proud of her dual heritage. inducing divided loyalties when Wales played the All Blacks.

Taught by several of the best tutors, she won numerous competitions as a talented young soprano, while earning a living as a commer-cial librarian.

Her musicianship was shared later with her husband, Raymond.

As soon as she was able, she joined the WRENS soon after the outbreak of WW2, an episode which was shrouded in secrecy for generations.
She worked as part

of the code breakers deciphering U-boat messages received in the basement quarters of The Admiralty where she and her colleagues worked diligently, 12 hours on and six off, in association with the top code-breakers at Bletchley Park.

Subsequently, she met and married Raymond Jones, him-self a talented singer, and supported him in his ambition to become a professional. She sang with him

on many occasions in Olivet to Calvary.

In her own right, Eunice Jones was much admired for her recitals of Elijah and St Paul by Mendelssohn.

On her return to Cardiff, she gave devoted support to her husband when, for several years, he became manager of the Welsh Commonwealth Games team, travelling to games in New Zealand, Australia and Canada.

Subsequently, she helped construct the 7th Cardiff Company of the Girls' Brigade, which grew to more than 100 and became one of the strongest in Cardiff.

In retirement, she

derived much comfort from her membership of the Guild of Friendship in Fairwater.

She worked for the NSPCC in Cardiff as a branch chairwoman before moving to Llandow, where she was a member of the community council and the village hall commit-

Also during her retirement, she became increasingly involved in the Mothers' Union and became enrolling member in Llandow and later at Rampton.

She moved there following Raymond's death four years ago, to live close to her daughter, Felicity and family.

She is survived by Felicity and by her son, Timothy, together with six grandchildren.

Eunice Jones was specially blessed with gifts and talents she shared among the community wherever she lived.

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'More facilities must follow Thompson Street

bridge' - Castleland councillor

cillor has wel- residents can walk all comed the opening of the Thompson Has WellWaterfront safely."

But Coun Elmore Street footbridge warned that this must be which links the a starting point and that Waterfront with further development had the town centre, but has warned that that Barry needs more facilities.

Chris Elmore, who represents the Castleland area on the Vale Council, commented: "Many residents at are the new facilities. Waterfront have waited a long time for the bridge to be built, with some of the home owners buying their homes on the understanding that the bridge would be built.

"This for some residents was several years ago, so the bridge's development and completion has been a long

time coming.
"There is now much easier access to the medical centre and the shops based in the Waterfront

new year on Ffordd y commented.



further development had to follow.

"Barry needs more leisure facilities and an ideal place for this is the Waterfront. Having good access to these facilities is important. The bridge and the crossing will provide this – what we need now

"I hope the Vale Council will now ensure sortium provide the town with the leisure and recreational facilities it needs as part of the future development."

Hospital visitor

PATIENTS and staff at Barry Hospital had a festive visit from Vale AM

"It was great to meet patients and relatives based in the Waterfront like Morrison's, if you are coming from the eastern side of the town. "With the development of the property of the pro

ment of the new crossing to be constructed in the staff for their dedication and skills," the AM



ABOVE: Coun Chris Elmore has welcomed the new Thompson Street footbridge, but says more facilities must be introduced at the Waterfront.

Exhibition records Barry Dock history

BARRY Docks is the subject of a new photographic exhibition by amateur historian Tom Clemett at The Room in the Park.

Following similar exhibitions at the Victoria Park venue featuring The Knap and Barry Island, he has again scoured the archives to focus on the historic docks from its construction through to the present day.

The exhibition, which runs until February 4 features more than 150 photographs, covering the docks beginnings in the 19th Century through to modern images from many local photogra-

From February 6, there will be a display of 3D pictures, courtesy of the Positive Images Camera Club.

Both exhibitions, to which entry is free, are open daily from 10am until 4pm.

VEGETARIAN

Local 'home comforts' for troops on front line

who has been closely involved in sending 'home comforts' to UK troops abroad, has told The GEM that she is "delighted with how much support there has been this year".

Kaye Watts, who lives at Rhoose Point. said that there had been widespread support, and that she was particularly pleased with the efforts of pupils at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who had organised their own collections and had made up their own parcels.

She said: "The parcels we send are a great morale booster and are very much wel-

"We have seen all ages getting involved in this, and our sup-porters include a 99year-old lady who attends a bingo night in Victoria Park Community Centre, and Cowbridge pupils who organised their own parcels."

Kaye said that the

letters she had received from soldiers overseas told their own story, and showed how much they were appreciated.

She has a collection of 'thank you' letters, and a common factor is the importance of feeling in touch with peo-'back home'.

A typical example is from a young engineer called Ryan, who wrote to say that he was a member of a small team who were 'mentoring' the Afghan

He said: "I was given one of your parcels by someone who received two - so I consider it a case of being in the right place at the right time!"
He added: "I am

sure you get many thank-you letters, but can I say on behalf of everyone that it is people like you, and those that are helping you, that makes what we are doing here that little bit

Another reply came from the "girls" at the air control centre, Camp Bastion. Writing on behalf of four women aged between 21 and 37, Harriet describes how they have been working 12hour shifts at a a centre that is always opera-tional, 365 days a year.

She says that the work is stressful but rewarding, and that "girlie luxuries" are in short supply.

She adds: "It is incredibly touching that so many people have contributed to the box.

"It does mean a great deal to us to know that people back home appreciate what we are doing and are thinking of us."

Another team of four engineers replied with similar sentiments, saving: "We can't overstate how much it means to us that you have sacrificed time, effort and money just to send us welfare packages.

"Nothing in the hoxes we have received has been wasted, and everything has come in



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Barry Island pupils discover the Magic of the Christmas chimney...

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Three Kings make their entrance.



ABOVE: Pupils are pictured at St Fagans.



over the years. Some children were able to go to a party and have free samples at Take Two in Holton

The school Christmas tree was decorated by

families of the youngest children who made fabulous decorations at home - a 'green' Christmas message, reminding us all how much fun can be had when we re-use and recycle.

The children put on two fantastic concerts full of elves, fairies, snowmen and reindeer amongst others - finishing off with the Nativity story and lots of cheers from the crowd! Everyone was delight

ed to be invited to the playgroup party in Barry Island Community Centre and round off a lovely year.

Lesley Davies
(nursery teacher)



Three delightful little fairies.

RIGHT: It wasn't just the youngsters who enjoyed the festivities throughout December!



Vale's Anysha is Miss Teen Queen!

VALE teenager Anysha Panesar is to represent Wales at Miss Teen Oueen 2010.

During the 21st birthday celebration of the Clothes Show Live held at the NEC in Birmingham just before Christmas, Anysha won a catwalk competition,

which shortlisted her for the 'Miss Teen' event to be held later this year. Last year, she came third, out of 10,000

applicants. Anysha, who lives in Llangan and attends St Clare'School in Porthcawl, is to join Howell's sixth form col-

lege later this year. She said: "I'm very proud to be representing Wales in the competition again this year.'

Although Anysha has not decided what career path to take after leaving school, the catwalk seems a possibility during the summer she went to Bloomingdales, the top American depart-



Anysha Panear.

ment store in New York, to do some modelling.

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EMBERS had a busy time celebrating Christmas!

The Tuesday afternoon meeting featured Chris Tindle and was very well supported (Jean Thomas did an excellent job organising

this once again). Christmas lunch was at the Six Bells. Penmark, but the Christmas party was held in the hall – and very well supported with plenty to eat!

Our drama team put on an excellent panto and Mr D Gorringe played the organ for car-ols to be sung. Then disco music was put on for the ladies to dance! All in all, it was a great success.

Finally, we held our carol service in Trinity Church, where members organised readings and

The Barry brass band played carols, as did the church organist, Mrs Margaret Pike. Thank you to Rev Duncan Ballantyne for his help

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Ty Hafan windfall helps to secure the building's future

by TIM CHAPMAN

TY HAFAN, one of the Vale's great success stories, starts the new year with a real boost after the National Assembly pledged £150,000 to enable the charity to buy the freehold on the site in Sully.

The charity currently offers care and support to

The charity currently offers care and support to 170 life-limited children and their families.

The site was originally leased long-term from Cardiff and Vale University Health Board and the hospice was built on land around the old Sully Health.

The Health Minister Edwina Hart told The GEM: "This funding will help towards a more secure future

for Ty Hafan and the important work that it does.
"The acquisition of the freehold will put them on

a firm footing and allow them to continue to support children and their families through difficult times."
The chief executive, Ray Hurcombe, said: "We welcome this grant and the board is grateful to the Welsh Assembly Government.

"Some families need our support for many years, and it is important that they know Ty Hafan has a secure future. The purchase of the freehold will go some way towards providing that comfort."

The original Ty Hafan project was inspired by Suzanne Goodhall, following a chance conversation has bed with a friend while or healthy in the first in

she had with a friend while on holiday in Ibiza in

Suzanne's friend told her that she was a volunteer at a children's hospice in Leeds, adding: "Do you know there are only two children's hospices in Great

Suzanne was astonished, and despite being in her late sixties began researching what the need was in Wales, and discovered that at any one time 335 – 350 families were in need of support.

A decade long campaign began, publicising the need for Ty Hafan and thanks to the generosity of thousands of people across Wales, the charity opened its doors on Monday, January 25, 1999.



The Ty-Hafan site at Sully

Winter stroll down the 'Golden Stairs' for Valeways walkers

VALEWAYS walks were enjoyed over the holiday period and on December 28, a walk through the woods on the east side of Porthkerry took members to the 'Golden Stairs' and down into the park.

We crossed the put-ting links to climb up the footpath on the far side to Porthkerry Church, returning by another footpath underneath the viaduct, and walking up

to Cwm Barry and following the Millennium

Trail back into Barry.
It was another cold, crisp day for the New Year's Day Walk in Dinas Powys. From St Peter's Church, we dropped down the hill taking the footpath on the left, continuing on through the beech woods, before turning right down to the

Salmon Leaps. From here, we walked through Michaelston le Pit with its ancient church, before returning

RIGHT: Enjoying a winter walk.

across the fields to Dinas

Powis.
The next two walks are on Friday, January 8, Rhoose and Fontygary 10.30am (start Rhoose Railway Station) and Tuesday, January 12, Cold Knap and Old Harbour 1.30pm (start at café under bridge, Cold

All walks are 60-90 minutes. For further



information and a full programme contact the Valeways office 01446 749000, or

749000, or carolyn@valeways.org.uk GS

Recent cases from the **Vale Magistrates Court**

JAMES LYON (30) of Claude Road, Cardiff, admitted damaging a door on December 13 in Owain Close, Penarth Hafod Housing. Penarth, belonging to

He was given a conditional dis-charge for six months and told to

pay compensation of £30.

Magistrates also ordered a payment of £85 towards prosecution

ANTHONY COLIN BARKER (42) of Thompson Street, Barry, admitted drink driving in the town on December 13, and driving without a proper licence.

Magistrates heard a breath sample showed a reading of 58 microgrammes of alcohol in 100

millilitres of breath.

A driving ban of three years was imposed, which can be reduced by nine months if a

course is completed.

He was fined £240, and must

pay £85 prosecution costs.
ALAN BROWN (5' pay £85 prosecution costs.

ALAN BROWN (57) of Shackleton Close, St Athan, admitted drink driving in Llantwit Major on December 11.

Magistrates heard a breath sample showed a reading of 51 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of breath.

A 12-month driving ban was

A 12-month driving ban was imposed which can be reduced by three months if a course is completed.

He was fined £100 and told to pay £85 prosecution costs.

NATHAN STEPHEN HUDD (19) of Lougher Place, St Athan, admitted damaging a window in the village on December 5. He was given a conditional dis-

charge for nine months.

BRADIE MARK SHKENSBERG (18) of Dorothy Close,
Barry, admitted damaging a door
worth £110 on December 11.

He was given a conditional dis-charge for six months and told to pay £110 in compensation to the victim.

DAVID GWYNFRYN DAVIES (78) of Laburnum Way, Penarth, admitted drink driving in the town on October 16.

Magistrates heard a reading showed 103 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

A driving ban of 12 months was imposed. He was also fined £250 and told to pay prosecution

costs of £60. DEAN ALEXANDER
WATKINS (48) of Williams
Crescent, Barry, was found guilty
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commitment and dedihave gone to extra lengths to ensure it remains business as usual for us.

"Our priority is to provide a 24/7 emergency service to the public of south Wales and we are working hard to meet the additional demands placed upon us.

We have also assist- overnight, cation of our staff who ed colleagues from other emergency service es this morning with officers transporting nurses to the University Hospital of Wales to help them maintain a service during these adverse conditions.

"As a force, we are continuing to prepare for the possibility of further bad weather

and working closely with other emergency services and partners to ensure the safety of our communities.'

The Assistant Chief Constable added: would urge members of the public to consider whether or not their journey is absolutely necessary, and to check the Traffic Wales web-

site for updates on their route before leaving home. I would also urge those who have to trav el to make use of main roads and avoid less used routes.

"Drivers should also allow extra time for their journey and ensure they allow an appropriate distance between them and the vehicle ahead.

'Fresh approach will confront the vital issues'

-says FocusBARRY

REPORT by TIM **CHAPMAN** A NEW campaign better place to live, work and raise our fam-

group -FocusBARRY - has been formed, claiming it will make the town a better place to live in and will act as a platform for candidates in county council elections.

It has invited local people to a meeting at The YMCA Hub, Court Road on January 22 at 7pm to gauge what sort f support it might attract.

Members of the group include local businessman Mr Brian Osborne, Mr Dennis Harkus, who worked in local government for more than 30 ears, former member of the British Army and former prison officer Mr Bryn Evans, and Mr Derek Hooper, who has worked in journalism

and public relations. Mr Harkus told The GEM: "We want to see councillors focus their attention on Barry heir responsibility is to their local community.

"People have spoken to us in recent months bout Barry not getting a fair crack of the

whip."
Mr Harkus added that t was shocking how a own once famous for the huge numbers of people it attracted through its tourism industry, now suffered from such neglect.

Mr Evans pointed "The problem is that Barry is becoming a satellite town to Cardiff. in which green spaces make way for more and more housing.
"We then lose facili-

ies like the Driving Test Centre and the cinema. and then have to travel to Cardiff for them!

"I want a town that provides a future for my great grandchildren.

In an open letter to the people of the town,

the campaigners write:
"The people of Barry
are not being wellserved by those elected or appointed to provide local services for our community. We think they could do a lot bet-

. "We have some fresh ideas and are willing to commit ourselves to a community-based group keen to confront vital issues affecting the

"We want to mobilise the voice and power of the people of Barry, but we need your support to begin our campaign.

"It's time for change. Our first objective is to measure the level of support for FocusBARRY, a group

that genuinely seeks to make this town of ours he largest in Wales - a "Putting pressure on

service providers like the council, public transport or similar organisations is a key objective but we would also seek to work with them in a constructive way to find practical solutions without getting locked into comfort zones or political dogma.
"To change things we

also want to be a broad based organisation that provides a platform for independent political candidates at the council elections: people who are not members of traditional political parties or other factions.

"However, it is not our intention to impose any political stance on our independent candidates or councillors. Our independent councillors will be required to stick to agreed values, principles and to the known standards in pub-

SCEPTICS

For sceptics who doubt whether the venture will succeed there is a parallel in Llantwit

Llantwit First Independents was formed in 2004.

The leader of the party, Coun Gwyn John, said: "We were formed in May 2004 and in the election five weeks later we won three out of the four wards. In 2008, we were very close to winning all four.

"Our idea was to put the town of Llantwit first because in the Vale it always seemed to be behind everything else things were not challenged.

The trouble with the old traditional parties in local politics is that, just like national level, you must always toe the party line and do as you are told."

Coun John says that at the time people didn't think they could make a breakthrough.

"We were given no chance by the Conservative Party, the Labour Party didn't real-

ly say anything.
"When we won, the Conservatives were hit for six."

Since then, Coun John has had people both inside and outside the Vale seeking his advice on standing as independents.

He added: " I'll be very interested to watch the development of FocusBARRY."

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A New Year message from First Minister Carwyn Jones (AM for Bridgend)

THE New Year is a time for looking ahead, and this is a momentous time for me as Wales' new First Minister.

I am very proud to have this opportunity to serve the people of Wales by leading the Welsh Assembly Government.

In 2009 we faced tough economic challenges, but our core values of social justice have served us well

I was brought up to respect the idea of chwarae teg, fair play – and now we are able to ensure Wales' strong sense of social

wates strong sense of social responsibility and justice guide our young democracy.

By working together in that spirit we are weathering the storm, and during the coming year we will continue the task of building the economy we need to ensure prosperity for all.

I am convinced that the key to success depends on the education and skills of our people. I am proud that the Welsh Assembly Government has doubled the number of apprenticeships in the course of the last decade – and despite all the pressures on our budget, we are determined to strengthen still further the valuable work of our schools, colleges and universities.

The recent Copenhagen conference underlined once more the great dangers posed by climate change. Wales will do all it can to support an international response – but the crisis also

means opportunities.

Our goal is for Wales to lead the way in developing new tech-nologies to tackle global warming, and in the process lay the foundations of a resilient and sustainable 21st century econo-

Carwyn Jones, First Minister

One lesson of the last year is that devolved government works

meetings have enabled all social

one benefit of devolution is that

we can move rapidly. New ideas

such as ProAct have been pushed through in record time and our

'top in the UK'.

The existence of a Welsh gov-

Mortgage Rescue scheme has been described by the BBC as

ernment has strengthened our

voice in Europe and our confi-

dence and spirit as a nation have come on by leaps and bounds. 2010 will see us looking to

gain more powers for the Assembly to use for the benefit

of the people of Wales.

I would like to wish all of you

a very happy and successful New

partners to pull together - and

well. Our Economic Summit

'Replace bridge', call to council

A PLAID Cymru- consider the implicaled petition in Dinas Powys is calling on the Vale Council to replace Cross Common Bridge.

"Dinas Powys coun-cillors felt they had to start a petition to ensure the council takes the issue seriously," said Plaid Cymru AM Chris

"For more than five years we have been campaigning for the Vale Council to replace the Cross Common Road bridge near Hebron Hall, over the stream leading to the main road.
"This vital bridge is

now in such a poor state that it is being propped up by timber beams. This in itself is adding to the flooding risks.

"The Vale Council has failed to properly

tions should this bridge deteriorate further.

"This is one of only two direct road connec tions between the north and south half of Dinas Powys, the other being Murch Bridge. The structure is also on a bus

route.
"We are calling on the Vale Council to allo-cate adequate funds to replace the bridge as a matter of urgency," he concluded.

Miles Punter, head of visible services, said: "The possible replacement of Cross Common bridge, due to a reduction in its structural capacity, is one of many schemes being considered by the council as part of the capital programme for 2010/11.

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Rwy'n falch iawn o gael y cyfle hwn i wasanaethu pobl Cymru drwy arwain Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru.

Roedd 2009 yn gyfn-od economaidd heriol inni, ond roedd ein gwerthoedd craidd o gyfiawnder cymdeithaol o werth mawr inni Cefais fy magu i barchu'r cysyniad o chwarae teg, a bellach gallwn sicrhau fod ymwybyddiaeth gref Cymru o gyfrifoldeb cymdeithasol a chyfiawnder yn arwain ein democratiaeth ifanc.

Drwy gydweithio yn yr ysbryd hwnnw, rydym yn dod drwy'r trafferthion, a thros y flwyddyn i ddod byddwn yn parhau â'r dasg o feithrin vr economi sydd ei hangen i sicrhau ffyniant i bawb.

Rwy'n sicr fy marn bod llwyddiant yn dibynnu ar addysg a

sgiliau ein pobl. Rwy'n falch bod Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru wedi dyblu nifer y prentisiaethau dros y degawd diwethaf – ac er gwaethaf y pwysau sydd ar ein cyllideb, rydym yn benderfynol o barhau i gryfhau gwaith gwerthfawr ein hysgolion, ein colegau a'n prifysgolion.

Unwaith eto tanlinellodd y gynhadledd ddi-weddar yn Copenhagen beryglon mawr y newid

yn yr hinsawdd. Bydd Cymru yn gwneud popeth posibl i gefnogi'r ymateb rhyng-wladol – ond bydd yr argyfwng hefyd yn arwain at gyfleoedd. Ein nod yw i Gymru

arwain y ffordd o ran datblygu technolegau newydd i fynd i'r afael â chynhesu byd-eang, ac arwain y broses o osod y sylfeini i economi gadarn a chynaliadwy ar gyfer yr unfed ganrif ar hugain. Un wers a ddysgwyd

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Huwchgynhadledd Economaidd wedi galluogi pob partner cymdei-thasol i ddod at ei gilydd - a mantais datganoli yw ein bod yn gallu cymryd camau'n gyflymach

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Mae cael llywodraeth yng Nghymru wedi rhoi llais cryfach inni yn Ewrop, ac mae'n hyder a'n hysbryd fel cenedl wedi gwella o naid i

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Carwyn Jones, Prif Weinidog Cymru

WOMEN'S CHAMPIONS PRAISED



Teresa May and Alun Cairns on their recent visit to Atal Y Fro.

ATAL Y FRO, formerly Vale Women's Aid, recently had a visit from Theresa May, Shadow Minister for Women, and Vale parliamentary candidate, Alun Cairns.

Mr Cairns said: "We are very lucky to have Atal y Fro working in the Vale.

"The staff are all very dedicated and their unique programme will help to eradicate domestic violence.

"The Shadow Minister and I were extremely impressed with the team's work, and the way they work with husbands and part ners to stamp out domes

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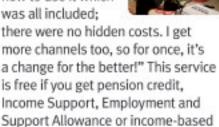
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Jean is a fictitious character based on real customers who have expressed similar views.

The Switchover Help Scheme is run by the BBC

Wiesenthal film will be premiered in Vale on **Holocaust Memorial Day**

will be hosting a film premiere that commemorates the millions slaughtered in the Nazi Holocaust during World War 2.

As part of a series of special events for Holocaust Memorial Day 2010, the Vale Council will host the UK Jewish immigration to

Student designs AM's card

VALE AM Jane Hutt invited students from Barry College Art Department to design a festive card for her to send out to her constituents and organisations in the Vale.

Four designs were shortlisted, with the assistance of artist Eileen Allen and Barry Citizens Action Group's Dilys Colbourne.

Jane Hutt later invited the shortlisted students, along with their lecturers, to a tour of the Senedd.

premiere of Against the Tide. Narrated by Dustin Hoffman, and produced by the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles. the film tells the story of what happened in America during the Holocaust, and examines the US administration and state department, who used the pretext of winning the war against the Nazis to block any

the US. A public showing will take place on January 28 at 12.30pm at the Memorial Hall Theatre, Barry, and tickets will cost £2.50 per person.
Rabbis Mayer May,

director of the centre, and Aaron Hier, director of the campus outreach centre, will be flying in from Los Angeles to present the film to guests.

A private viewing will also take place on Holocaust Memorial Day, January 27, followed by a screening for invited local schools. The theme of this

vear's commemorations is 'Legacy of Hope' and, between this Saturday (January 9) and January 30, Art Central, the council's gallery and art space, will be the venue for a wide range of

and UK 2009 Artist Mundi prize nominee Nicola Tucker, will be artist in residence at the gallery, creating special Holocaust-related art.

There will also be an exhibition of work created by Vale school pupils who have taken part in workshops with Nicola.

Entries to the annual Race Equality First inter-school children's calendar art competition will also be on show. along with 'Am I my brother's keeper? Rescue in the Holocaust', an exhibition from the Jewish Museum in London.

There will be a chance to see Xeniva Simonova, the Ukraine's renowned sand artist, on film creating her spec-tacular sand art titled 'You are always near us' and the wonderful animated short film, *The Piano*, by VFX artist Aidan Gibbons.

Cabinet member for tourism and leisure

welcome the unique opportunity to premiere this major film in the UK, and it gives us great pleasure to welcome leading international figures from the Simon Wiesenthal Centre to the

"I would like to commend the wide programme of events on offer to residents and visitors to Art Central and hope that they will join with us in commem orating this significant

Art Central is based at the Town Hall, Barry, and is open on Tuesday

- Saturday, 10am - 4pm. Entry is free. Tickets for 'Against the Tide' are available from the Barry Memorial Hall box office, by telephoning 01446 738622.

For more information visit the Art Central pages at www.vale ofglamorgan.gov.uk/

You may send your news items to Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge, CF71 7EL, or email them to the Editorial Department

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Speaker tells of Uganda, before and after Idi Amin

our speaker, began his love affair with Uganda back in the

1960s. His talk showed his deep knowledge of a country that, after much strife, including the rule of Idi Amin, now seems to be at peace with itself.

However, he did recall sitting with the local district commissioner watching satellite television on one occasion, when that gentleman suggested using the shelter and safety of a pillar for their viewing in case an assassination attempt should be made on his life!

The northern area, where Roger was based, had been involved in an internal war for some 20 years and this ended

only two years ago. This was a period when youngsters, some of them pre-teenagers, had been forced to fight in the conflict.

At the end of hostilities, they were re-habilitated mentally and phys ically, but were often not welcomed back into their home villages.

The Uganda described by Mr Davies is a beautiful country famed for its wild-life on mountain ranges

If the rains are reli

MEN'S FORUM

able, two crops a year can provide an abundant harvest.

In recent times, Roger volunteered to assist a group of local youths from Wales, who were involved in building-up one of the village schools in the northern territory.
Conditions were ini-

tially, so primitive that there were few seats for the pupils, who ranged from seven to 17.

When our speaker's mission was completed, not only had the school building been completed and chairs made, but an excellent library had been created

his talk by showing a detailed film of the school being opened by the Ugandan minister of education, and of him receiving an award for his efforts amid

great celebrations. Meetings are held every Thursday at 10.30am. For further information, telephone 029 2059 4881.

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College celebrates rich diversity of Wales with multi-cultural events

BARRY College has celebrated the cultural diversity of Wales with seven days of multicultural events.

Rita Limbrick, of Rita's Multicultural Community Café on Main Street, Barry, visited the college to present the hospitality and catering department with copies of her cookbook.

"The idea of the book came out of my teaching and doing cooking demonstrations at the YMCA and in schools, Rita said. "It was prompted by the Sudan Appeal and since then it



thousands of pounds for children all over the world.

"It's a very educational book and the recipes are also very healthy with hardly any

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fat!" Rita, who is heavily involved in voluntary work with organisations in Barry and the rest of the Vale, was awarded Barry Citizen of the

Year in 2002 and Community Safety Volunteer of the Year in

She set up the community centre and multicultural café as a non-profit business to bring people of all cultures together and serve the local community.

All ages took part in multicultural week, with the toddlers who attend the college's childcare centre and crèche enjoy ing a special 'children

of the world day'.

They wore traditional costumes from all over the world including

ABOVE: Rita Limbrick with hospitality lecturer Joyce Harvey and Welsh Bac learners.

cowboys, cowgirls and cheerleader outfits Japanese kimonos, Spanish and French costumes, Welsh ladies and rugby players, and Hawaiian grass skirts.

Other events involved a team from Show Racism the Red Card, which, included former Cardiff player Christian Roberts, visiting the college's football team, the FEDS

After a discussion session on issues sur-rounding Islamophobia, the Show Racism the Red Card boys played football with the FEDS.

News in brief

Valeways walks Valeways walks RHOOSE and Fontygary, on Friday, January 8 at 10.30am, starting at Rhoose Railway Station.

On Tuesday, January 12 at 1.30pm, Cold Knap and Old Harbour, starting outside the café just under the bridge, Cold Knap, Barry.

On Wednesday, January 13 at 1.30pm, Sigingstone to Factory Brook, starting at Victoria Inn, Sigingstone.

Victoria Inn, Sigingstone.

Acrylics demo
COWBRIDGE Art
Society meets on
Thursday, January 14
at 7pm in Old Hall,
High Street, when local
artist Sue McDonagh
will give a demonstration in acrylics.
Non-members are

Non-members are welcome to attend.

Brunel's work

in south Wales THE Dinas Powys
Local History Society
will be holding its next
meeting on Tuesday,
January 12 in the
Kynance Church Hall, on the edge of Dinas Powys Common, at 7.30pm.

Stephen Jones will give the talk and show slides on 'Brunel in south Wales'.

All are welcome to attend and an administrative charge will be made at the door to cover running expenses. For further information, contact programme secretary, Jan Gray, on 01446 701273.

Popular teacher fell under bus, inquest is told

ABOVE:

Fflur Bedwyr.

rugby, and ran

marathons. Cardiff

Coroner Mary Hassell said: "I wish I could

was totally random." Fflur, of Riverside,

offer some kind of rea-son for this, but I think it

A POPULAR Barry teacher was killed when she slipped into the path of a bus, an inquest heard yesterday (Wednesday).

RE teacher Fflur Bedwyr (34) slipped on a pavement, to fall in front of the 55ft long bus in a freak accident. The inquest heard she went headfirst under the bus travelling at 15 miles per

hour on a busy street. Bus driver Colin Havard said: "All of a sudden, there was a bang and the young lady had come off the road.

"One of the passengers shouted out 'she's been hit'

Mr Havard stopped the bus and called emergency services to the busy road in Canton, Cardiff, but the inquest heard Fflur died at the roadside from severe head and chest injuries.

Motorist Kenneth Giles, driving behind the bus, said: "If I was driving the bus, I don't think it would have been any different. I don't see how he could have missed

The inquest heard that unmarried Fflur was fit and healthy and enjoyed vear-9 at Welsh medium comprehensive Ysgol Bro Morgannwg in

Two days after her death, around 250 upset teenagers took time out from their summer holidays to pay tribute to their favourite teacher.

The impromptu memorial service was held with Fflur's mother and sister joining the saddened pupils and

At the time, sixth-former Vicki Williams (18) said: "She was a teacher everyone liked – she put everyone before herself and would go out of her way to help us.
"She won the

favourite teacher award at our end-of-year prom I was devastated when I found out what happened.

Verdict: Accidental death.

Outreach surgery

THE Vale Volunteer Bureau will host an outreach surgery at Penarth Library on January 12 from 2pm-4pm to offer advice and information about volunteering and the 700+ opportunities locally.

Barnardo's Community Links will also be on board to talk about befriending and supporting disabled children and their families

For further information, contact Joe on (01446) 421782, or visit www.vvb.org.uk.

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THE HARE & HOUNDS **ABERTHIN**

LOCAL business proprietor Jeff Gladwin, in partnership with Kevin Cooper (a former professional sportsman) and their wives, Linda and Emma, embarked upon their new business venture in May, 2009. Together with manager Richard Phelps, (daughter) Victoria Gladwin and barman John White, this family-run partnership has regained its niche as a popular Vale hostelry.

Their wealth of experience in the hotel and catering trade means high standards with locally

riced produce being a priority.

A warm northern welcome is assured and can only be matched by the encouragement and



be matched by the encouragement and support they have received from their 'new' regulars.

Priority was to emphasise the capacity of their restaurant facilities – now completely refurbished and gaining very favourable reviews, having appointed popular Vale chef Rachid Azouz (formerly of Farthings Bistro and Wine Bar, Cowbridge), the latest addition to this winning team.

Regular customers are proving to be more adventurous with the real ale selection: Master's Pedigree, Oxford Gold, Burton's Bitter and regular guest ales, which are converting the 'regular tippler' clientelle. This is further complimented by their fine wine selection.

Live entertainment is scheduled for alternate Saturdays throughout the year, attracting quality musicians with a staunch fan base.

musicians with a staunch fan base

Having enjoyed an exceptionally joyous festive season, highlighted by their New Year's Eve piper and firework finalé, Jeff, Kevin and the team extend thanks and best wishes to all of their customers and invite you to experience Rachid's culinary delights together with the charm and ambience of their popular local soon .

HAPPY NEW YEAR!





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WHAT A YEAR THAT **WAS, WHAT A YEAR!**

year 2009 has been... We've seen financial collapse, the death of Michael Jackson. no end in sight to the various wars being fought across the world, and the rise of a force that could bring the world to its knees the phenomenon of Jedward.

Yet on the silver screen, there have been the same constants in place, and while the advent of 3-D cinema appears to be pushing things forward, the reliance on remakes and existing franchises is pushing much that is original to the side.

It is against this backdrop that Screen Talk's fifth annual top 10 films of the year column appears, giving you plenty of food for thought as we take a leap into a new cinematic year – and here are the 10 films that made Screen Talk's year all that more bearable...

10. The Hangover -Todd Phillips' riotously funny comedy about the morning after the bachelor party before, easily scooped the funniest film of the year award.

It may have been a touch too male-centric, but it captured wonder-fully the regressed state that most men fall into when in the company of other men.

other men.
With laughs-a-plenty,
both straight and surreal
(how do you wake up
with a tiger in your
hotel room?), The
Hangover was the
laugh-role of 2009.

9. Inglourious Basterds - If you can claim a director has made a return to form after one poor film, then this was Quentin Tarantino's return to

Putting Deathproof firmly in the past, this World War Two film gleefully riffed on the director's influences, creating a glorious melt-ing pot that was both comedic and substantial.

An array of strong performances, particu-larly Christoph Waltz as the film's villain, gave the traditional verbose Tarantino dialogue extra spark, and the film's climax was a hugely entertaining re-write of histo-ry that marked out these *Inglourious* people as ones to watch.

8. Let The Right One In – Proving that the vampire genre need not be the main domain of lovesick teenagers and their pale-faced objects of affection, Let The Right One In was a tender look at two youngsters, both outsiders, one a vampire, forging a strong bond with each other.

An American remake is already being filmed,

Screen Talk's top 10 movies of the year by GEM film critic GARETH JAMIESON

but the likelihood of it improving on the origi-nal is minimal; Tomas Alfredson's gorgeous direction was the highlight of a beautiful, vet crimson-splattered, film.
7. Frost/Nixon – A

heavyweight series of television interviews translated from stage to (silver) screen, Frost/Nixon may have stretched the story a touch for dramatic effect, but managed to create a film that dripped with tension, and performances from Michael Sheen and Frank Langella that, for the latter especially, troubled awards voters. Ron Howard showed

a pleasing economy in taking the face-off to the big screen, but by allowing the drama to dominate proceedings created a film that was never less than captivat-

ing.

6. The Hurt Locker Kathryn Bigelow's story of a bomb disposal unit in Iraq and the daily trials and tribulations they face was like a short sharp punch to the face - visceral direction, a palpable tension that never lets up and the ever-present fear of death engulfing the team on every mission they undertake.

It drew an incendiary

lead turn from Jeremy Renner and, despite the setting, spent more time focusing on the effects on the lives of those involved in conflict, rather than making gen-eral observations about the nature of war: The Hurt Locker was a tense drama that was hard to

5. Up – Pixar's 10th, and arguably most grown up offering yet, *Up* was a glorious mesh of childlike sensibility with a story that pointed out the importance of following your dreams before you become too old.

Featuring the most emotional animation sequence since the hunter cocked his rifle in Bambi, Up was a delight for both children and adults alike, and may prove to be the watershed in Pixar's

film production. **4. Moon** – Duncan son of David Bowie Jones' feature film debut throbbed with invention and intelligence, borrowing liber-ally from 1970s science fiction films but main-

taining its own identity.
The story of a man tasked with mining the titular planet on his own, and the strange events that befall him

was an intriguing proposition, Jones maintaining the film's tension throughout and offering up something

rich and compelling.
A winning turn from Sam Rockwell merely added to the film's quality, and marked out Moon as being one of the most original films of the year.

3. A Serious Man -

The Coen brothers' response to winning Oscars appears to be to make films that are wilfully obscure and diffi-cult to get to the bottom

An incredibly focused piece of work, A Serious Man saw the brothers at their most personal, yet they hid it beneath an intriguing plot that didn't provide many answers to the

questions it posed.

With a sharp cast of unknowns delivering excellent performances it was a film that proved the Coen's haven't lost

their idiosyncrasies. **2. Avatar** – There was a large degree of fulsome praise for James Cameron's film in last week's GEM, but rest assured that when it

comes to epic film-making that retains the core need to keep you invested with strong storytelling, Cameron is most certainly the man. Seeing where the 3-D technology goes from here is the fun part, but Avatar has most certainly set the standard.

1. The Wrestler -Mickey Rourke's tourde-force performance was the tip of the ice-berg in this stunningly blunt vet oddly life affirming drama, chronicling the day-to-day life of an eighties wrestling superstar turned noughties nobody.

Excellent supporting turns from Marisa Tomei and Rachel Evan Wood, plus Rourke's phoenix-like return to leading man form, allowed Darren Aronofsky's natural and subtle direction to perfectly complement the performances, making The Wrestler a deserved winner of the title of Screen Talk's Film of the Year 2009

New Year's Honour for Wing Commander

Former St Athan chief receives OBE

C o m m a n d i n g Officer of No 4 School of Technical Training at MoD St Athan has been awarded an OBE in the New Year's Honours List.

Wing Commander Rob Woods has had a distinguished career as an Engineering Officer in the Royal Air Force.

He has twice served at St Athan; the first time as Junior Engineering officer (JEngO) and the second was when he returned in 2007 to take command of No 4 School of Technical Training and great personal recognition. with it the role of Senior RAF Officer in command of faced with the terrible after MOD St Athan.

Wing Commander Woods selflessly committed him-nary levels of leadership and self to the role of compassion that was Commanding Officer at required to help the commu-MOD St Athan where he has nity to deal with the tragic MOD St Athan where he has nity to deal with the tragic engaged both families and consequences."

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the local community in the life of the base at St Athan.

An MoD St Athan shocked but, of course, feel spokeswoman said: "During very honoured to receive his time there he ensured his time there he ensured that he always went the that he always went the extra mile and was responsi-ble for fostering very strong links with the Welsh Assembly Government and the City of Cardiff, and has ful and very talented group of people while I was Commanding Officer." Wg Cdr Woods still lives in St Athan, but is currently enhanced the reputation of working for the RAF at the Armed Forces, earning Abbeywood near Bristol.



"Furthermore, when faced with the terrible after-Wing Commander Rob Woods received an OBE in the math of an aircraft accident, he provided the extraordi-New Year's Honours list.

> NEWS FROM THE BARRIVALE CLUB

THE latest results from Barrivale Bridge Club are as follows:

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Driver Ron Wyde (69) was buying fourin Barry, when a pipe on a week later, was

his petrol tank came loose. Two litres of petrol spilled out and Mr Ryde explained the leak when he paid at the kiosk.

He waited as the fire service arrived for a quick clean-up operation ice engineers from at the filling station, but

shocked to receive a let- tion was safe; and the ter from Morrison's warning they would send bailiffs round if he

didn't pay-up.
The letter explained they had sent two servmake sure the petrol sta-

bill stated they spent six demanding £670 - and a hours travelling the 440mile round trip to Barry for the job - which took just 40 minutes using a jet wash.

Retired pipefitter Ron said: "It would be laughable if it wasn't such a big bill. It was a small amount of petrol about two quids' worth. The fire service had cleaned it up in minutes and they didn't charge for that.

"I was amazed to get such a huge bill – it was a complete surprise. I was being asked to pay for someone to drive all the way from the north of England to deal with a small amount of petrol which had already been cleaned up."
Grandfather Ron had

just dropped wife Maureen at bingo when he pulled into Morrison's to put a splash of petrol into the tank of his Vauxhall Astra; but the £670 he was hit with came to more than his total petrol bill for an entire

He said: "I told Morrison's I was not paying, but they threatened me with recovery agents. I thought they were behaving like bullies - I'm sorry I accidentally spilled petrol.

but I paid for it and the fire service cleaned it

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The hard-hitting 'Scam Mail is Blackmail' posters, produced as part of the 'Think Jessica' campaign, are on 1,000 billboards across the country, courtesy of Titan
Outdoor. They warn of

The campaign was launched by Marilyn Baldwin, whose mother Jessica fell victim to postal criminals. She received more than 30 scam letters a day, sending most of her pension every week to criminals.

Jessica died in October, 2007, and Marilyn is certain that the torment from the scam mail, by this time filling parts of her house, was partly to blame.

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'Make most of Gavin and

This Sherlock Holmes makes an indelible mark on the big screen

Johnny Depp, it seems that Robert Downey Jr was only ever a blockbuster hit away from taking his rightful place at the top of the acting table.

Having shown tanta-lising glimpses of his talent in the likes of Chaplin, Downey Jr spent most of the remainder of the 90s and noughties under the influence of various substances (while making the odd film in his spare time) before being given the lead in Shane Black's exceptional Kiss

Kiss, Bang Bang. It was his performance here that highlighted just how prodigious an actor he could be, and when it was announced he would be filling the metal suit of *Iron Man*, a worldwide take of \$585million set up the actor in a position he had seemed so close to

Trefoil Guild

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never fulfilling. Having taken on one iconic role with *Iron Man*, he switches tack to another in Guy Ritchie's Sherlock Holmes.

Downey Jr plays the titular detective, who, having solved a murder mystery by catching Lord Blackwood (Mark Strong), falls into a deep funk as Watson's impending engagement to Mary (Kelly Reilly) means the end of their partnership.

However, when Blackwood seemingly rises from the grave and warns Holmes of his plans to take over first Britain and then the world, the pair reunite to stop him; a job made even more complicated by the reappearance of Irene Adler (Rachel McAdams), whose past with Holmes makes her an intriguing proposi-

Given Hollywood's taste for anything of a literary bent, it is no surprise that Sherlock
Holmes has once again made his way onto the big screen, given both the renown the character holds and the depth of source material on offer.

The decision to put this biggest of Holmes adaptations in the hands of Guy Ritchie, an accomplished yet far lower budget director,

tive, meant that eyes were very much on this film Yet for all the bluster, the resulting piece of work is hugely entertaining, positioning it as both a faithful transition yet being given a pleas-ing dash of modern sen-

sibility.

Much of the credit should be given to Ritchie, who gets right inside a London on the cusp of technological

revolution.
There's a basic framework of Tower Bridge visible, which makes for a delightful final showdown location should you need one, but this isn't a film concerned with making in-jokes and references about the future. Instead, Ritchie's camera weaves its way through the grubby and grimy streets of the city, capturing excellently the feel of the time.

He also reigns in his more gregarious tics, with very few slow-motion shots or whipfast edits. Ritchie allows the

performances and the excellent sets to do the work for him, while imbuing the action sequences with a sense of derring-do and panache.

It is an assured showing from the director,

and the casting of Robert Downey Jr as the detection who proves that he is more than comfortable on the bigger stage, giv-ing the film a pacy feel.

He also draws excellent turns from both Downey Jr and Law, whose easy chemistry and Victorian Odd Couple-esque bickering makes the scenes featuring the two of them a delight, with the former maintaining his red-hot form with another sensational turn.

Capturing Holmes' personality traits to a tee, Downey Jr takes Conan-Doyle's character and brings him to life, blowing away the stuffi-ness of other screen incarnations and giving him a charismatic and humorous edge.

With a bohemian twist, this version of Holmes is prone to the odd bare-knuckle boxing match, and flights of reckless fancy, made all the more vivid by Downey Ir's overt charisma.

Law does a similarly good job as Watson, making him an equal of Holmes' rather than the sidekick, and coupled with a screenplay that gives the character depth, produces a turn that while not as showy as Downey Jr's, is still as important.

With the always dependable Mark Strong giving a good turn, if a touch understated, as the film's villain, with the black arts-infatuated Blackwood offering a supernatural twist, Rachel McAdams ensures a clean sweep of strong performances as the gutsy Adler.

Offering a different dimension to the relationships on show, her turn is lively, sparking wonderfully well with Downey Jr. Adapting various

aspects of Conan-Doyle's work, screen-writers Michael Robert Johnson, Anthony Peckham and Simon Kinberg do a very good job, not only by establishing the universe of Holmes, but by the way they integrate this into the fabric of the narra-

tive.
This avoids the pitfalls of many 'origin' films that are more concerned with setting up characters than servicing those characters with a

captivating story.
There is the odd misstep on the way, with some of the film's computer effects looking ever so slightly suspicious, particularly in this post-Avatar world, while the actual story, as engaging as it is, tends to fall into genre pre-dictability come the climax.

SCREEN **TALK**



by GARETH **JAMIESON**

However, by setting up further instalments, with the ending hinting at the larger evil, the overriding sense of Sherlock Holmes is that of a job done with style - making for a highly pleasing viewing experi-

VERDICT - A thorough success, Sherlock Holmes is a thrilling film that is enthralling from start to finish.

With a raft of superb performances, and Guy Ritchie's highly pleasing transition to bigger budget fare handled superbly, this is a piece of work that will hopefully set up further instalments for the world's greatest detec-

Highly recommended.

Stacey effect'

tourism development in Barry - the last episode shown on New Year's Day.

Dr Johnson said: "More than nine million viewers watched Gavin and Stacey on Christmas Day on BBC 1, making it the fourth most watched programme of the day with nearly one in six people in the UK tuning

in.
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"blad Barry's that highlighted Barry's tourist attractions – our wonderful sandy beach and the fairground.
"We must make sure

DR IAN JOHNSON, "Over Christmas and the Plaid Cymru candidate for the Vale, has said that the success of about the Gavin and the final ratio of Court Street, effect," and how the final series of Gavin Stacey effect' and how and Stacey must now people travelled from act as a catalyst for Cardiff or much further tourism development in where the show is filmed.

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He added: "Gavin and

Stacey show the massive tourism advantages that Barry Island holds over many other places, but we must make it count if are to re-invigorate the Island and create a large number of longterm jobs in Barry.

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YR ATODLENNI

Rhannau o briffordd i'r gogledd o'r eiddo a elwir "Seaview" yn Sain Tathan ym Mro Morgannwg.

(Bras amcan yes pob mesuriad)

ATODLEN 1
Disgrifted on rhan a briffordd sydd nw gwyre a dan y Contrynsyn hwn.
Rhan afreolaidd ei siâp o beffordd ddernw rhwng Ffordd Llanilltud a'r 84265 sydd

il'i hyd ar y mwyaf yn 144 metr a'i led ar y mwyaf yn 5 metr a ddangosir il llinellau rhesag du a gwyn ar y plan z adneuwyd.

ATODLEN 2

w dusi o dan y Garchymyn hwn. ingrified o'r fyrsedie breifet sydd i

- i. Wynedfa brefat i dir amaethyddol i'r de o'r rheiffondd (A.O. 3159), a leolir yng nghornel ogledd-orllewinol croesflondd y ffondd ddiodoobarth rhwng. Ffondd Llanifflad a'r 84205 bersennol, sy'n ymestyn o bwynt 70 metr i'r gogledd o'r eiddol a olwrif "Sendew" i'r gogledd mar belfar o 5 met ac sy'n 5 metr o led, ac a ddangosir mewn lliw du solet ar y plan a adneuwyd.
- ii.Nynedfa breifat i dir amaethyddol i'r de o'r rheiffordd (A.O. 5553), a leolir yng righonwl ogledd-ddwyneinol crossifiordd y ffordd ddiddaibarth rhwng Ffordd Inglished open and a HASSS benemed, sy'n ymenlyn o bwyert 60 metr i'r gogledd o'r eiddo a elwir "Sezview" i'r gogledd am bellter o 6 metr ac sy'n 5 metr o led, ac a ddangosir mewn lliw du solet ar y plan a adneswyd.

ATODLEN 3

Disgrified o'r rhan rewydd o briffordd sydd i'w darparu o dan y Gorthyrnyn hwn. Rhan afreolaidd ei slâp o briffordd newydd sy'n ymestyn o bwynt 291 metr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r eiddo a chwir "Sexview", i gyfeiriad de orllewinol af gyffordd a ffordd fynediad afraffrodig newydd af yr eiddo a chefu y "Batlajas" gar barhau i gyfeiriad y de at gyffordd â gwelliant newydd arfaethedig y B4265, a ddangosir â dotwaith ar y plan a adneswyd.

ATODLEN 4

Disgrillad o'r rhan a fynodia brollat nowydd sydd i'w dasparu o dan y Gardrynnyn hwn. Mynedta beritat i dir amaethyddol i'r de o'r rheillfordd, i'r dwyrain o'r bont sellffordd IA.O. 5953), sy'n ymestyn o bwyst 271 metr i'r dwyroin o'r eiddo a eiw'r "Seasiew." i gyfeiriad gogledd-ddwyreiniol am 12 metr fan bellaf, ac a ddangosir â llinellau lletraws main ar y plan a adseuwyd.

ATODLEN 5

Disgrifiad o'r rhan o briffordd sydd i'w gwella o dan y Gorchymyn hwn.

Rhan afreolaidd ei sillp o briffordd ddienw sy'n ymeityn o bwynt 245 metr i'r gogledd ddwyrain o'r eddo a elwir "Sozelew", i gyfeiriad y gogledd-ddwyrain yn gyffedinol, am oddeutu 57 metr, ac a ddangoe'r â llinellau flerog ar y plan a adneuwyd.

ATODLEN 6

Y detblygled.

Towns prifyeld, cau mynedleydd preifat a darparu mynedleydd preifat newydd mewn cysylltad i'r cynllur i sefydlu Coleg Tachnegol Amddiffyn a datblygu a gwela Farc Busies Awyrodod Sair Tafhan yn Sain Tafhan yn Mro Meigannwa, yn urol â chariatdid cynllurio a roddwyd o dan Ran III o Ddodd 1990 gan y Cyngor ar T Rhugfyr 2029 o dan y rhifau cyfeirnod PVDC/2009/00500/OUT a

GELLIR CAEL COPI PRINT BRAS O'R HYSBYSIAD HWN GAN LYWODRAETH CYNULLIAD CYMRU, TRAFNIDIAETH AC ADFYWIO STRATEGOL, Y GANGEN GORCHMYNION, PARC CATHAYS, CAERDYDD CF10 3NQ.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 THE DIVERSION OF HIGHWAYS (ST ATHAN, VALE OF GLAMORGAN) ORDER 201-

NOTICE IS HEREBY CIVEN that the Welsh Ministers propose, to make an Order under Section 248 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 and Section 125 of the Highways Act 1980 to authorise the divention of the area of highway described in Schedule 1 to this. Notice; to authorise the stopping up of private means of access described in Schedule 2 to this Notice; to provide for the new area of highway described in Schedule 3 to this Notice; to provide for a new private means of access described in Schedule 4 to this Notice and to improve the areas of highway described in Schedule 5 to this Notice and to improve the areas of highway described in Schedule 5 to this Notice.

If the Order is made, the diversion and stopping up will be authorised only in order to snable the development described in Schedule 6 to this Notice to be carried out. The Order also provides for the new length of highway described in Schedule 3 to this Notice and improved highway described in Schedule 5 to this Notice to become highways maintainable at the public expense. The Order will cause to have effect if the planning permission expires or is needed.

During the 28 days from 7 January 2010, copies of the draft Order and the deposited plan may be inspected free of charge at the offices of the Valle of Glamorgain Council, Dock Office, Barry Docks, Barry Cf63 4RT and Llantwit Major Public Library, Bowerton Road, Llantwit Wajor Cf61 1XZ during normal office hours or may be obtained free of charge from the address below.

Within the above mentioned period of 28 days, any person may, by notice to the Welsh Assembly Guvernment. Transport and Strategic Regeneration, Orders Sranch, Cuthays Park, Cardiff CP10 3NOL object to the making of the Order Shaeld you wish to object, support or make representations, we may need to consult with people and organizations outside of the Welsh Assembly Covernment. As part of the process of consulting with outside of the Vention Assembly Convertment, so part of the process or construing with ordhen the information you have given in and your personal data will be passed to the applicant/developer and on occasion the local highway authority to enable them to respond to jou. We will however, only disclose your personal datals where it is necessary to do so to enable us to deal with issues you have brought to our attention. Where a Diversion Order becomes the subject of a Public Inquiry (Pill, all correspondence is copied. to the Inspector of the Inquiry and is kept in the PI Library when it is publicly available

A copy of the Order and Notice can be viewed at www.males.gov.uk (Select Legislation/Subordinate Legislation/Draft Legislation/Draft Non Statutory Instruments/Town and Country Planning Act Stopping Up Orders).

ALD BURNELL

Transport Planning and Governance Division

SCHEDULES

Areas of highway north of the property known as "Seaview" at St Athan in the Valle

(all measurements are approximate)

SCHEDULE 1

Description of the area of highway to be diverted under this Order.

An invarianty shaped area of un-curred highway between Lightwit Road and the 84265 having a maximum length of 144 metres and a maximum width of 5 me shown in zebra hatching on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 2

Description of private means of access to be stopped up under this Order

- A private means of access to agricultural land south of the railway (0.5.3/159), shusted in the north-western corner of the crossrads of the unclassified road between Llantwit Road and the present 84265, extending from a point 70 metres north of the groperty known as "Seaview" northwards for a distance of 5 metres and 5 metres in width and shown in solid black on the deposited plan.
- A private reams of access to agricultural land south of the railway (0.5, 5553), situated in the north-eastern corner of the crossroads of the unclassified road between Llantwir Road and the present B426S, extending from a point 60 metres north of the property known as "Seasiew" northwards for a distance of 6 metres and 5 metres in width and shown in solid black on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 3

Description of the area of new highway to be provided under this Order.

An irrigularly shaped area of new highway extending from a point 251 metres north-east of the property known as "Sewlew", in a south-easterly direction to a junction with a new proposed southern access road to the properties known as "Batslays", certinaing seathward to a junction with the new proposed 94265 improvement shown in stipple marking on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 4

Description of area of new private means of access to be provided under this Order. A private means of access to agricultural land south of the callway, east of the railway bridge (0.5.5953), extending from a point 271 metres east of the property known as "Seaview," north-eastwards for a maximum of 12 metres and shown in this diagonal hatching on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 5

Description of the area of highway to be improved under this Order.

An impularly staped area of un-named highway extending from a point 245 metres north-cest of the property known as "Seaview", in a generally north-eastedy direction for approximately 57 metres and shown in cross hatching on the deposited plan.

SCHEDULE 6

The diversion of highways, the stopping up of private means of access and provision of new private means of access in conjunction with the otherne for the establishment of a Defence Technical College and the development and improvement of the St. Athan Aerospace Besiness Park at St. Athan in the Vale of Clarroggan in accordance with planning permission granted under Part 81 of the Act of 1990 by the Council on 1 December 2009 under the reference numbers PVDC/2009/00500/COUT and PVDC/2009/005001/COUT.

A COPY OF THIS NOTICE IN LARGER PRINT CAN BE OBTAINED FROM WELSH ASSEMBLY GOVERNMENT, TRANSPORT AND STRATEGIC REGENERATION, TRANSPORT PLANNING AND GOVERNANCE DIVISION, ORDERS BRANCH, CATHAYS PARK, CARDIFF CF10 3NQ.

Charities benefit from car club members



ABOVE: Heronsbridge headteacher Chris Major (on left) receives a cheque from SWCCC's Vince Jones.

THE Wales Air Ambulance, and Heronsbridge special needs school. are the latest charities in south Wales to benefit from the antics of a bunch of classic car enthusiasts drawn from across the region.

Each year, members and supporters of the Bridgend-based South Wales Classic Car Club nanage to raise thousands of pounds for charities throughout South Wales.

Most of the funds are raised from staging the club's annual car show at Pencoed during the summer, and donations are presented to various charities during club neetings each autumn and winter.

The latest recipients

were paramedic Rhodri Thomas, who received £1,000 from club vicechairman Stuart Powell on behalf of Wales Air Ambulance, and head-teacher Chris Major, who also received £1,000 on behalf of Heronsbridge from club member Vince Jones whose daughter attends

the school. Stuart explained: "We enjoy driving, restoring and talking about old cars, and because many people share our interest by attending the annual show and supporting club events, we can use that enthusiasm to help many deserving cause

The club meets on the first Monday of every month at the Hunter's Lodge public house, Brackla, and membership is open to anyone with an interest in clas-



Wales Air Ambulance paramedic Rhodri Thomas receives a cheaue from vicechairman SWCCC Stuart Powell.

Vale Christmas tree collections

THE Vale Council is again collecting Christmas trees at the kerbside for recycling.

The free service will run from Monday to Friday, January 11-15. Put trees out with the rubbish by 7am on the usual refuse collection day (no decorations) and it will be collected by a dedicated refuse style wagon.

A council spokesman said: "As in previous years, all trees collected will be put to good use locally. The council has developed a partnership with Penllyn Farm in Cowbridge, who take

both the council's green and food waste.

'The trees are shredded, composted down and used on the farm as a soil conditioner. Residents can then take advantage of this by collecting free compost from the farm on the last Saturday of every month, thereby closing the recycling loop.

"Residents are asked to contact the farm on 07973 894773 or 01446 772600 in advance.3

Real Christmas trees can also be recycled free of charge in garden waste skips at the Llandow and Sully Household Recycling Centres.

Out and About with The GE

'Former Witch's home' gets makeover from students

Welsh Bac learners at work on Cliff Wood Cottage.

THE former home of a woman tried as a witch is being rebuilt by students from Barry College in the woods at Porthkerry Country Park.

A college spokesper-son explained: "The con-struction learners are helping to partially rebuild Cliff Wood Cottage in the park, which will be used as an area for talks on some of the legends and history of the area. In the 18th, century, its resident, Ann Jenkins, was tried as a witch for supposedly putting a curse on a local man and his servant.

"The students, all first-year Brickwork



in a Heritage Lottery bid

for the park and we con-

learners who are completing the Welsh Bac as part of their course, will use local, reclaimed materials to carry out the work which will form an element of their course-

Mel Stewart, Vale tacted the college to see Council country park ranger, said: "From our if it would be interested in working in partnerpoint of view it's a real bonus having the students here. We're putting

ship with us.
"What we want to do
is turn what remains of the cottage into a story telling area. The students will also work on an old saw mill in the park

'Local archaeologists excavated it 20 years ago, but the boys are bringing it back to life. They will rebuild sections of the wall and replace the floor, using materials that have been scavenged from around the cottage and the stream. They're using parts of the original building that have lain untouched for hundreds

Rock revival at

Barry! BARRY Arts

Centre's annual show 'A Rock 'N' Roll Christmas' at the Barry Arts Hall in Winston Road, Barry, was directed by the youth members of the group.

The scenery and the Time Machine voices served to explain quite simply what the show was about.

The whole show took us back to the good old 'rock 'n' roll' era with some lighthearted fun and humour.

This was a multi-talented show and it was amazing to see youngsters enjoying the jiving and music that has revolutionised light entertainment for genera-

The audience showed their appreciation by joining in the many well-known lyrics.

If you are interested in joining the adult or junior section of the Barry Arts Centre, contact the secretary for further information on 029 2063 3217.

Win free tickets to Holiday on Ice Spirit AN exhilarating

fusion of fire, air, earth and water that is the theme of the sensational new Holiday on Ice production, Spirit. Artistic director Robin

Cousins MBE and choreographer Karen Kresge have co-produced this cultural extravaganza of inspirational ice skating, which sees skaters tumble from the sky in amazing, airborne gymnastics and spiral and dance on the ice with dynamic energy.

The production comes to Cardiff's International Arena between February 9-14, and The Glamorgan GEM has five pairs of tickets to give away for the

Vale AM's surgery

Vale of Glamorgan Assembly Member Jane Hutt will be holding a surgery on Saturday, January 9 from 10am-12noon at 115 High Street, Barry. No appointment is necessary.

For further information, call the constituency office on 01446 740981.



February 9 show - to be in with the chance of winning a pair just answer this question:

Who is the artistic

director of Spirit?
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Competition', to The Glamorgan GEM, Graig House, 53 Eastgate, Cowbridge CF71 7EL,

to arrive no later than January 15 (Judge's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into).

Tickets start from £14.50 with all children at £10 (subject to a booking fee) - big savings for groups; visit www.holidayonice.co.uk for more information.

Soloist thrills concert audience

ON December 22, Barry Ladies' Choir held its annual Christmas concert at the Masonic Hall, Barry.

The audience turnout was excellent, and in such awful weather, the choir was very grateful.

The new format, arranged by director Alice Jones,

accompanied by pianist Emma Arscott Binns, was very well received.

The compére was John Farrier, who amused everyone with his anecdotes.

Guest soloist was Llio Evans, whose beautiful voice fairly rang through the hall. She is a first-class honours graduate in RWCMD and studies with voice tutor, the soprano Suzanne Murphy and coach Only

The programme was supported by the Vale Centre for Voluntary Services, through the Kick Start III

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Cowbridge - 10.00am The Duke of Wellington High Street Lina 01656 890708

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MONDAY Barry – 4.30 & 6.30pm Brynsion Hall, Junction of Court Road and Llanover Street Lorraine 01446 407002

Penarth - 6.30pm Elfed Avenue Methodist Church Flfed Road Niki 01446 740394

Rhoose – 6.30pm Celtic Way Community Centre Celtic Way Helen 01446 750738

TUESDAY

Barry - 5.45pm Market Street Social Club Upstairs Function Room Joanne 01446 404897

Barry – 4.30pm St. Davids Methodist Church Hall, Winston Road Annamarie 01446 736534

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Barry - 4.45 & 6.45pm St.Francis Millennium Centre Park Road, Porth-y-Castell Annamarie 01446 736534

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Cowbridge - 6.00pm The Duke of Wellington Lina 01656 890708

Penarth 5.00 & 7.00pm All Saints Church Hall, Victoria Square Linda 01446 761150

THURSDAY

Barry - 6.00pm Highlight Park Comm. Centre, Barry Annamarie 01446 736534

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See this week's additional advert for more homes and information about a new Homebuy scheme in Barry Feedback will appear next time

Drivers want country lanes to themselves!

response to PJ Alexander's letter in The GEM on December 31 is essential.

Are we being told that cyclists and pedestrians should not use public roads because some motorists are so incompetent, ignorant, reckless r callous that they are a real danger to nonmotorised road users?

If so, why are the police not informed of relevant incidents?

I wouldn't disagree that these roads can be

dangerous to cyclists and spring and autumn, and frightened off because some drivers are not

can see to be clear. I can assure the writer

that the use of alternaused as 'rat-runs', are normally coated with slippery mud in the

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users, is unacceptable. No road user should forget that they are obliged to travel in such a way that they can come to a safe halt within the distance that they

tive (unclassified) roads is not a realistic option, as these lanes are often

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currently are icy as (naturally) they are not treat-ed with salt to melt the

At other times, these lanes are subject to hedge cutting and the debris left on the road surface is certain to cause punctures in cycle tyres – I speak from personal experience on this subject.

Finally, the use of minor roads is no guar-antee that cars will not be driven recklessly.

As an example, on January 1 in broad daylight and being clearly visible, I was walking along a short stretch (about 3/4 mile) of the type of country lane that PJ Alexander advocates

About 30 cars passed me, the majority of which were travelling far too fast and too close and, indeed, one vehicle was driven towards me so irresponsibly that the wing-mirror struck my forearm with some force.

It seems that some drivers are not only surprised to see pedestrians and cyclists on country roads, but are offended that such people have the audacity to use the roads in this way, as it may cause motorists to drive more slowly and considerately.

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THIS is the third actresses Martine year of the McCutcheon, Louise GEM/Ferris Sweeny, Claire Goose, and Charge Murphy Entertainment Scholarship, and this year it has been expanded – not just one person, but two, Entertainment one person, but two, one male and one female candidate, will land scholar- West End career included the performing arts Saturday classes in

ne GEM/Ferris Barrowman, will provide tuition on singing.

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For further information, or to have directions emailed to you, contact Peter Ferris, Ferris Entertaiment on 07801 493 133, or via 5pm U/801 493 133, or run
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New Chief Constable takes over police force

THE new Chief Constable for South Wales Police, Peter Vaughan, has succeeded former Chief Constable Barbara

Wilding.
The 47-year-old from Merthyr Tydfil started his career with South Wales Police in 1984. He became Assistant Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police, before returning as Assistant Chief Constable in January

He took up the post of Deputy Chief Constable for the force in April 2007.

Mr Vaughan said: "I started with the force in 1984 as a Police Constable on the beat in the Rhondda. Back then I was happy to serve my local community and being Chief Constable was the furthest thing in

thrilled and delighted to upon us improving our be leading South Wales
Police into the Transport of the Tran Police into the new decade. It is an excellent organisation and I think we are capable of achieving even more.
"My commitment is to

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Chief Constable Peter Vaughan.

satisfaction and confi-dence people have in our Force.
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"Just as important will be the way people feel they have been treated by us and how well they feel understand address the issues that develop our work with the public and to raise the them."

Expressions of interest sought Homebuy Scheme in Castleland Ward, Barry

Homebuy Scheme (Assisted Home Ownership) in Castleland Ward, Barry

Expressions of interest are now being sought from first time buyers interested in purchasing a property through the Homebuy Scheme operated by Newydd Housing Association in partnership with the Council in the Castleland Ward, Barry.

This area is likely to form the proposed new Vale of Glamorgan Renewal Area from April 2010.

The Homebuy Scheme is designed to help first time buyers to get a foot onto the property ladder, and assist them with the purchase of their first home.

The scheme helps first time buyers whose salaries would not enable them to buy a suitable home for their needs on the open market.

Purchases under this scheme generally work on a 70/30 split, with the first-time buyer purchasing 70% of the property and the remaining 30% share being held through a second charge (mortgage) on the property by Newydd Housing Association.

As the scheme will operate on a shared equity basis, applicants will not have to pay rent on the share of the property they do not own.

With shared equity you repay the share that you do not own when you decide to sell the property or buy it outright.

To qualify, you must be:

- · over 18 years of age;
- · a UK or EU/EEA passport holder or have 'Indefinite Leave to Remain' stamped on your passport;
- · a first time buyer;
- · living and/or working in the Vale of Glamorgan (for at least the last six months (or in the case of those leaving the Armed Forces you must have lived in the area for at least six months prior to joining); and
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Priority will be given to applicants registered on the Council's Homes4U Scheme, but the Homebuy scheme is not available to tenants of the Council or Housing Association in the Vale of Glamorgan who are in rent arrears or in breach of their tenancy agreement.

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Resting at the Private Funeral Home of W James & Sons, Fonmon.

Funeral Monday January 11th, service 1.30pm at St Athan Church, followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm. Coychurch Crematorium, Bridgend at 2.45pm.
Flowers may be sent to the Funeral Home.

GARY JONES 5.5.1942 - 18.12.2009

Pam, Gill, Simon and family are grateful for the warmth, kindness and expressions of sympathy shown to them in their sad loss.

A heartfelt thank you for all the care and support given to Gary and family at Holme Towers. Also, sincere thanks to the Reverend Melanie Prince, W James Funeral Directors and everyone involved in the moving service.

Many thanks for all the generous donations towards Holme Towers. A Sect. Cancer Care, Penarth.

PUGH William

Peacefully on 28th December, 2009, in Harlow, after a short illness, Bill of Canon Street, Barry, beloved husband of the late Margaret, much loved father to Geraint, Enid, Elaine, Gail and Gerwyn, Loving Grandfather and Great Grandfather.

Resting at A G Adams and Son Funeral Home, Resting at A G Adams and Son Funeral Home, Gladstone Road, Barry, until the service in All Saints Church, Barry on Monday, 11th January, 2010, where the family would appreciate all family and friends, past and present, to join them at the service at 10.30am followed by cremation at Coychurch Crematorium.

Family flowers only please.
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Cancer Research Wales or Help for Hero

JACKSON Dilwyn

On January 1, peacefully at Brocastle Manor Care Home, Dilwyn (Smiler) of Llantwit Major.

Beloved husband of the late June, dearly loved ather of Angela, Huw and Simon, father-in-law o Chris and Jayne, stepfather of the late Gregory, much loved by all his grandchildren.

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ANTHONY Joseph Francis

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Application No:/

Rhif y cais: Proposal:/Cynnig:

2009/01280/FUL

Conversion of garage to provide accommodation for

parents Vicarage Lawns, St Brides Major Conservation Area: /Ardal Gadwraeth

St. Brides Major

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2009/01282/FUL

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Construct new befroom projections to front and new
garden room extension to rear, new single detached
garage and boundary wall and gate to front
91, Broadway, Llanblethian, Cowbridge

Location:/Lleoliad: Conservation Area: Ardal Gadwraeth

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Application No:/Rhif y cais: 2009/01294/FUL

Demolition of existing sub-standard cottage and replacement with new dwelling and garage

Location:/Lleoliad: Caradoc Cottage, Llancarfan Conservation Area:/Ardal Gadwraeth

Listed Building Consent Caniatâd Adeilad Rhestredig

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ABOVE: Pupils in class 1B prepare their stall of fir cone fun.

RIGHT: Children in class 3M promote their Rudolph the Reindeer cakes.









ABOVE: 1S made Christmas cookies and they sold like hot... cookies?

LEFT: 5M sell their sweet jar products at the fair.

Textile artist's master class gives Bryn Hafren pupils ideas for new designs

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eye.

The event was one of a number of art design days, and they are regarded as a good way of broadening the pupils' experience.

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RIGHT: One striking design by Bryn Hafren pupils.











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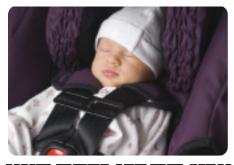
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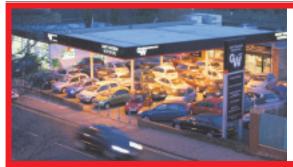


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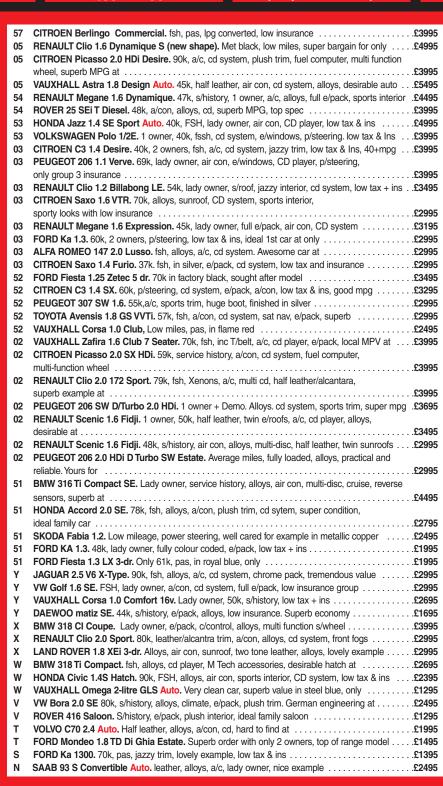
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BARRY YMCA GYMNASTS HOST THE RHYTHMIC CHAMPIONSHIPS AT HUB



ABOVE: Gymnasts who took part in the recent rhythmic gymnastics competition at the Hub in Barry.

recent Rhythmic would be taking place. Gymnastics Inter Championships.

The facilities at the Hub played a perfect part before the competition. in hosting the event.

The atmosphere was by a electric, helped by the the staging provided by Rhythmic Competitive Barry Leisure Centre to group who performed seat the large communications. staging provided by Rhythmic Competitive Seren Cummings (1st), more experienced gymbary Leisure Centre to group who performed a Leah Jenkins (2nd) and seat the large crowd and the decorations from Dr Montana music.

The West had several more experienced gymbars (2nd) and help Price (3rd). Underthe Least and it was 12 Sophie Pemberton reflected in the cast and it was 12 Sophie Pemberton reflected in the cast and it was 15 Sophie Pemberton reflected in t Bobs Balloons, all provided free of charge.

The Gladstone room the audience. underwent a serious The competition transformation the night brought together four

not disappoint, with ings but the team title.

The Barry YMCA looking very close until before the competition.

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by all the gymnasts from group, under-8 Emily performed the Barry YMCA Glass (3rd). Under-10 The Wes

It was a great start to the event and enthused

The Barry YMCA before the competition, clubs (Barry YMCA, under-10 was proud to be with help from coaches Phoenix of Cardiff, Hourihan (2nd), underselected to host the 170 routines which Haverfordwest).

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The Tynewydd room ate an East and West (3rd), junior, Elle became the warm-up hall team and battle not only Gwatkin (2nd) and Cody

tion, under-7 Elen (Llanelli and Williams (2nd), under-8 Haverfordwest) for the

Ioanna under-12 Ffion Byrne Clubs team up to cre- (1st) and Georgia Smith

The event was opened with the fundamentals the intermediate juniors

The West had several more experienced gym-12 Sophie Pemberton reflected in the results (1st). which saw the trophy In the novice competi- returning to the West on, under-7 Elen (Llanelli and

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Barry-based charity makes a little girl's dream come true

charity has made the dreams of a disgirl abled little come true.

Follow Your Dreams, which is a national organisation with a organisation with a branch in the Vale, has donated multi-sensory equipment worth £600 to three-year-old Sienna Mason of Boverton.

The wish list had been put together by her parents Natalie and Tommy but they thought they were just visiting Santa before Christmas.

"Sienna goes to Ty Hafan and they put her name forward," said Mr Mason

Sienna could have one item off the list and then we were told that she would be getting everything. It was a fantastic surprise. delighted." We

Sienna has been given things like a bubble column, soft switch, liquid effects projector, star net lights, mirror ball and aromatherapy diffuser.

These will installed in her bedroom to create a multi-sensory environment.

Sienna and her family including sisters
 Summer, aged seven,
 and four-year-old Seren are due to move to a specially-built house at St Athan being provided by Wales and the West

Housing Association.
The family hopes to have moved in by March, and the house is being fitted with a lift into Sienna's bedroom, well as tracking devices, to enable her to reach the bathroom and

get around her bedroom. Sienna, who is unable to talk and walk suffers from Opitz Syndrome, which is a rare condition with her lungs, heart and breathing.
"We had an awful

Christmas, as Sienna ended up at hospital in Bridgend come home until New year's Eve," said Mr Mason.

"Our Christmas was ruined and Sienna did not see many of the decorations. We just hope that mov-ing to this new house ing to this new house will give the family the fresh start we need."



Sienna attends Erw workshops Delyn special school in youngsters from special schools in south Wales

The charity ran a series of fundraising chance to try their hand grottoes with Father at singing and dancing.
Christmas at the Red Follow Your Dreams Christmas at the Red Dragon centre in Cardiff

where they had the

on centre in Cardiff can be contacted on also organised 01446 739452.

ABOVE: Sienna and her family meet Santa present, organised by 'Follow Your Dreams' and

GEM's Brian proves to be a top tipster

columnist Brian Lee has won the Racing Post Weekender top tipster competition.

Brian (73) who has *Margam Abbey*, trained een reporting on the by Bridgend's David been reporting on the Welsh Welsh point-to-point scene for the national and local press for nearly half-a-century, left the 13 other area hunt racing correspondents trailing in his wake.

Carl Evans, who edits the Racing Post Weekender's point-to-point supplement writes: 'Congratulations Brian Lee, a legend on Christmas and did not come home until New Wales, and winner of the Racing Post Weekender bottle of bubbly for his six-to-follow selections last season.

"His squad won 16 races, and while that total was considerably boosted by 10-time winner Chesnut Annie, Lee's ability to identify the **entered.**Connolly's Red Mill
national champion at the *Gorba*, ow start of the season was a feat in itself."

Brian's nearest rival was Tony Alcock from the south east who tipped nine winners

Brian said: "This is the second time I have won the champagne – the last time was in 2004. However, I was unlucky not to have won it in 2006 as one of my selections went on to win six races on the bounce under rules, but only hunter chases count in

Brian has made in their respective race Chesnut Annie one of his Tony Brown's Up The

'Legend' races past rivals to be first past the Post!

season, the others being the club members' race. Brace, Micks Prospect and Master Charm THE scheduled trained by Abbi Vaughan point-to-points for at Aberthin, Bob Bites the local 2010 sea-Back and Lady Myfanwy. son are:

Point-to-point season gets under way WEATHER permitting, the 2009/10 Welsh point topoint season gets under way this coming Sunday (January 10) with the rearranged West Wales area club fixture at Lydstep - and a number of local horses have been

The French-bred Gorba, owned by Tudor Harris and his son Richard, and trained by Abbi Vaughan at Aberthin, has been entered in the opening mares maiden race at 11.30am, while Bridgend's David Brace has entered several horses and these include Its Danny Boy, Old Flame

and Margam Abbey.
The Llangeinor mare Chesnut Annie looks sure to start favourite for the mixed open race, and stable companions Its Not Chesnut and Copper Carroll should be noted made in their respective races.

six to follow again this Boreen is down to run in

Point-to-point schedule

January 30, Vale of Clettwr at Erw Lon; February 20, Carmarthenshire at Erw Lon; February 20, North Hereford at Whitwick Manor; February 28, Curre & Llangibby at Howick; March 6, Brecon & Talybont at Llanfrynach: March 6 Beaufort at Didmarton; March 7, Ross Harriers at Garnons; March 13, Tivyside at Cilwendig; March 20, South Hereford at Garnons: March 21, Curre & Llangibby at Howick; March 27, Glamorgan at Ystradowen: April 3. Monmouthshire at Llanvapley; April 5, South Pembrokeshire at Lydstep; April 17, Ystrad Taf Fechan at Ystradowen; April 24, Pentyrch at Bonvilston; May 1, Llangeinor at Laleston; May 2, Radnor & West Herefordshire at Cold Harbour; May 8, Tredegar Farmers at Lower Machen: May 15. Golden Valley at Bredwardine: May 22. Gelligaer Farmers at Lower Machen: May 31. Countryside Alliance (Wales) at Bonvilston: June 5, Pembrokeshire at Trecoed.

Brian Lee

...The YMCA says thanks to volunteers

THIRTY volunteers from the Barry YMCA recently received a Christmas 'thank you' gift for all their hard work

and dedication over the year.

They were each given WH Smith gift cards in recognition of their commitment to the centre throughout 2009.

The volunteers have, between them, committed

1,190 volunteer hours this year.
The Barry YMCA is committed to supporting all volunteers and, through funding from the 14-19 network, have been able to provide and sustain a young volunteers programme offering opportunities for young people to volunteer and gain qualifications along the way.

The young volunteer programme has proved to be a great achievement with young people progressing from volunteer roles to modern apprenticeships and onto employment with the centre.

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Tom Roberts has been a particular success on the scheme, volunteering for three years and progressing onto a modern apprenticeship, NVQ level 2, in sports leadership, provided by VT training.

The Barry YMCA has also made links with the

Vale Volunteer Bureau and Sports Train, taking on young volunteers and offering volunteer hours across different roles throughout the centre. If you are interested in volunteering at the centre telephone 01446 724014.

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